

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted via the Office electronic filing system in accordance with § 1.6(a)(4).

Dated: July 13, 2009

Electronic Signature for James E. Armstrong, IV: /James E. Armstrong, IV/

Docket No.: 80360(47762)
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Toshikazu Suganuma et al.

Application No.: 10/574,954

Confirmation No.: 7305

Filed: April 7, 2006

Art Unit: 3753

For: LIQUID SUPPLY METHOD AND
APPARATUS

Examiner: A. H. Chaudry

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1, 3-8 and 10-13, together herewith a three month Extension of Time and a Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.